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NEW TOURISM PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has recently introduced new projects for the promotion and development of tourism in several States in the country ;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the total allocation of funds proposed in this regard ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SMT. AMBIKA SONI)

(a),(b)&(c): Development and Promotion of Tourism is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations. However, the Ministry of Tourism extends Central Financial Assistance to all the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations for projects proposals submitted by them. The proposals that are complete in all respects are examined as per the Scheme guidelines and funds released on the basis of inter-se priority and availability of funds under the respective heads.

Central Financial Assistance is extended to State Governments/Union Territories Administrations for development and promotion of tourism under the following schemes.

1. Product/Infrastructure Development for Destinations and Circuits including Rural tourism.

2. Assistance to Large Revenue Generating Projects

3. Fairs/Festivals/Events

4. Computerization and Information Technology

During the 10th Five Year Plan the Ministry of Tourism has sanctioned Rs. 2011.68 crore for 1160 projects to various State Governments/Union Territory Administrations.

The Plan Outlay of the Ministry of Tourism for the year 2007-08 is Rs.953.00 crore.